



NERSBA Response To Presumptive Covid-19 Cases:

The Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience is obligated to notify local health authorities of confirmed COVID-19 cases among scholars and staff (as required by North Carolina General Statutes 130A -136).

- NERSBA will follow guidelines from the CDC, NCDHHS and NC DPI with respect to COVID-19 including social distancing, proper wear of PPD including face shields and masks, attestation documentation for scholars and faculty/staff, temperature checks at the beginning and closure of the school day, availability of hand sanitizer products and proper cleaning procedures of scholastic facilities.
- Should an individual display symptoms of possible COVID-19, they will be isolated and directed by NERSBA administrators to contact their personal health professional.
 - In the event of a scholar or faculty/staff member tests positive – they may return to campus if answering yes to **ALL** four of the following questions:
 - Has there been a 10-day period since the person had symptoms or has since tested positive?
 - Has there been a 3-day period since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)?
 - Has there been a 3-day period since the person's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?
 - Cleared by a parent/guardian (faculty/staff self-clear) that all of the above is true (documentation of a negative test is NOT required to return)
 - If tested negative – the person may return when they can answer yes to **BOTH** of these questions:
 - Has there been a 24-hour period since the person had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines?
 - Has the person felt well throughout the past 24 hours?
 - **If NOT** tested – the person may return when their doctor has been contacted and consulted **OR** cleared by a physician (parent or faculty/staff must verify).
- Has the NERSBA student/faculty member be in close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19? (Close contact means within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes).
 - If yes, the individual may return after completing at least 14 days quarantine. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative. If the person tests positive or develops symptoms themselves, then the above criteria will apply.
- **Extent of Contact Tracing:** Following NC DHHS guidelines NERSBA will not require an entire class to quarantine. Families will be notified as indicated below, and individual family members will be given the choice to quarantine upon the information provided. Based upon the definition of "close contact," not every individual on the NERSBA campus/specific class may have been in close contact with the individual in question.

- **Communication of COVID-19 Cases:**
 - NERSBA will notify health authorities of confirmed COVID-19 cases among scholars and faculty/staff (as required by NCGS 130A-136).
 - NERSBA will coordinate with local health officials to notify faculty/staff and families immediately while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with FERPA, NCGS 130A-143, and all other state and federal laws.
- **Instructional Provisions for those out of school due to COVID-19:**
 - To ensure that no scholar falls behind in the event of a COVID-19 related absence, the student will be given the opportunity through virtual instruction to continue to work on all class assignments and related activities. Should a student's symptoms be deemed too severe to participate, the parent should notify the teacher/office immediately, to facilitate the development and implementation of instructional accommodations.

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